Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2014

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering October 12th to 18th, 2014, there were 576,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 1,400 from September 2014 and 19,700 more than the number employed in October 2013.

Agricultural employment was 47,800 persons in October 2014, down 3,500 from the September 2014 level but 2,300 more than the October 2013 agricultural employment level of 45,500. Non-agricultural employment was 528,400 persons in October 2014. This is an increase of 4,900 from the September 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 523,500 and 17,400 more than October 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2014 was 2.9 percent. This is unchanged from September and 0.2 percentage points lower than the October 2013 level of 3.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,400 to 593,300 persons in October 2014 from 591,900 persons in September 2014. This is 19,000 more than the October 2013 labour force of 574,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 70.1 percent in October 2014 from 70.0 percent in September 2014. The October 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.1 percent.

There were 17,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2014. This is unchanged from September 2014 and is 700 less than the number unemployed in October 2013.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 576,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2014, up 2,300 from the September 2014 level of 573,700 and is up 18,400 from the October 2013 employment level of 557,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2014 was 3.5 percent. This is an unchanged from September 2014 rate and 0.2 percentage points lower than the October 2013 rate of 3.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 10,000 persons in October 2014 to 18,020,100 persons from 18,010,100 persons in September 2014. In October 2013, there were 17,829,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points in October 2014 to 6.0 percent from the September 2014 level of 6.2 percent. In October 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.5 percent in October 2014. This is 0.3 percentage points lower than September 2014 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the October 2013 level of 7.0 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,171.4	19,200.9	19,066.4	-29.5	105.0
Employed ('000)	18,020.1	18,010.1	17,829.2	10.0	190.9
Full-Time ('000)	14,526.9	14,588.6	14,441.0	-61.7	85.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,493.2	3,421.5	3,388.1	71.7	105.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,151.2	1,190.9	1,237.2	-39.7	-86.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	6.5	-0.2	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.8	7.0	-0.3	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	65.9	66.2	-0.1	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	593.3	591.9	574.3	1.4	19.0
Employed ('000)	576.2	574.8	556.5	1.4	19.7
Full-Time ('000)	475.8	479.9	461.8	-4.1	14.0
Part-Time ('000)	100.4	95.0	94.7	5.4	5.7
Unemployed ('000)	17.1	17.1	17.8	0.0	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	70.0	69.1	0.1	1.0
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,392.8	2,393.1	2,333.6	-0.3	59.2
Employed ('000)	2,293.3	2,297.0	2,233.6	-3.7	59.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,902.6	1,909.2	1,844.1	-6.6	58.5
Part-Time ('000)	390.7	387.8	389.6	2.9	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	99.5	96.1	100.0	3.4	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	4.3	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	72.3	72.4	72.7	-0.1	-0.4
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	674.7	669.4	666.2	5.3	8.5
Employed ('000)	643.2	636.1	631.2	7.1	12.0
Full-Time ('000)	521.4	515.7	505.4	5.7	16.0
Part-Time ('000)	121.8	120.5	125.8	1.3	-4.0
Unemployed ('000)	31.5	33.2	35.0	-1.7	-3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.0	5.3	-0.3	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.3	5.5	-0.3	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	67.7	68.2	0.5	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	593.3	591.9	574.3	1.4	19.0
Male	321.0	322.3	312.7	-1.3	8.3
Female	272.2	269.6	261.6	2.6	10.6
15-24 Years of Age	90.3	90.0	87.8	0.3	2.5
25+ Years of age	503.0	501.9	486.5	1.1	16.5
EMPLOYED ('000)	576.2	574.8	556.5	1.4	19.7
Male	311.9	313.3	303.4	-1.4	8.5
Female	264.3	261.6	253.0	2.7	11.3
15-24 Years of Age	85.3	84.6	82.4	0.7	2.9
25+ Years of age	490.8	490.2	474.1	0.6	16.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	17.1	17.1	17.8	0.0	-0.7
Male	9.2	9.0	9.3	0.2	-0.1
Female	7.9	8.1	8.5	-0.2	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	5.0	5.4	5.4	-0.4	-0.4
25+ Years of age	12.1	11.8	12.4	0.3	-0.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.0	-0.2
Male	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Female	2.9	3.0	3.2	-0.1	-0.3
15-24 Years of Age	5.5	6.0	6.2	-0.5	-0.7
25+ Years of age	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.1	70.0	69.1	0.1	1.0
Male	75.8	76.2	75.4	-0.4	0.4
Female	64.4	63.8	62.7	0.6	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	66.4	66.1	64.2	0.3	2.2
25+ Years of age	70.8	70.8	70.0	0.0	0.8

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	47.8	51.3	45.5	-3.5	2.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.8	27.6	24.2	0.2	3.6
Utilities	6.7	6.2	6.7	0.5	0.0
Construction	57.2	54.9	52.1	2.3	5.1
Manufacturing	28.6	28.6	28.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	83.8	81.7	82.0	2.1	1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	26.1	26.5	28.5	-0.4	-2.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	32.9	31.3	29.6	1.6	3.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.1	27.8	26.6	1.3	2.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.8	14.2	12.7	-0.4	1.1
Educational Services	45.0	45.0	47.8	0.0	-2.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	70.7	70.2	71.2	0.5	-0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	15.4	16.3	18.6	-0.9	-3.2
Accommodation and Food Services	35.1	34.0	29.7	1.1	5.4
Other Services	24.9	26.6	23.3	-1.7	1.6
Public Administration	31.3	32.7	29.4	-1.4	1.9
Total	576.2	574.8	556.5	1.4	19.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	475.8	479.9	461.8	-4.1	14.0
Part-Time	100.4	95.0	94.7	5.4	5.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	463.0	459.3	451.6	3.7	11.4
Public Sector	137.0	139.0	140.2	-2.0	-3.2
Private Sector	326.0	320.2	311.5	5.8	14.5
Self-Employed	113.1	115.6	104.9	-2.5	8.2

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,020.1	18,010.1	17,829.2	10.0	190.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.1	232.5	235.2	-4.4	-7.1
Prince Edward Island	75.6	76.4	75.1	-0.8	0.5
Nova Scotia	453.2	451.0	453.7	2.2	-0.5
New Brunswick	353.4	360.4	353.1	-7.0	0.3
Quebec	4,049.5	4,065.8	4,079.4	-16.3	-29.9
Ontario	6,999.0	6,964.6	6,900.5	34.4	98.5
Manitoba	643.2	636.1	631.2	7.1	12.0
Saskatchewan	576.2	574.8	556.5	1.4	19.7
Alberta	2,293.3	2,297.0	2,233.6	-3.7	59.7
British Columbia	2,348.6	2,351.6	2,311.0	-3.0	37.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.0	6.2	6.5	-0.2	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.7	10.5	10.2	0.2	0.5
Prince Edward Island	7.9	7.7	9.5	0.2	-1.6
Nova Scotia	7.9	7.7	8.5	0.2	-0.6
New Brunswick	8.6	8.2	9.2	0.4	-0.6
Quebec	6.9	6.7	6.7	0.2	0.2
Ontario	6.1	6.7	7.1	-0.6	-1.0
Manitoba	4.7	5.0	5.3	-0.3	-0.6
Saskatchewan	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.0	-0.2
Alberta	4.2	4.0	4.3	0.2	-0.1
British Columbia	5.7	5.9	6.1	-0.2	-0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,968.6	17,925.5	17,786.8	43.1	181.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.2	227.9	234.7	-0.7	-7.5
Prince Edward Island	74.9	74.0	74.5	0.9	0.4
Nova Scotia	450.4	446.3	452.3	4.1	-1.9
New Brunswick	351.8	354.1	350.3	-2.3	1.5
Quebec	4,016.8	4,031.0	4,046.5	-14.2	-29.7
Ontario	6,994.1	6,957.1	6,898.8	37.0	95.3
Manitoba	641.8	633.8	630.4	8.0	11.4
Saskatchewan	576.0	573.7	557.6	2.3	18.4
Alberta	2,293.7	2,290.4	2,235.2	3.3	58.5
British Columbia	2,341.8	2,337.2	2,306.4	4.6	35.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.5	6.8	7.0	-0.3	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.0	12.7	11.1	-0.7	0.9
Prince Edward Island	9.2	9.5	10.7	-0.3	-1.5
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.6	9.2	0.0	-0.6
New Brunswick	9.3	9.6	10.1	-0.3	-0.8
Quebec	7.7	7.6	7.5	0.1	0.2
Ontario	6.5	7.1	7.4	-0.6	-0.9
Manitoba	5.0	5.3	5.5	-0.3	-0.5
Saskatchewan	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
Alberta	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
British Columbia	6.1	6.1	6.6	0.0	-0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.0	6.6	5.8	-0.6	0.2
Halifax	5.9	6.3	6.4	-0.4	-0.5
Saint John	7.7	8.3	8.7	-0.6	-1.0
Quebec	5.1	5.5	4.5	-0.4	0.6
Montreal	7.9	8.3	7.9	-0.4	0.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.7	7.4	6.4	-0.7	0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.8	6.1	7.1	-0.3	-1.3
Toronto	8.1	8.8	8.3	-0.7	-0.2
Winnipeg	6.2	6.8	6.1	-0.6	0.1
Regina	3.1	3.2	3.6	-0.1	-0.5
Saskatoon	4.3	4.4	4.4	-0.1	-0.1
Calgary	4.7	4.9	4.8	-0.2	-0.1
Edmonton	5.3	5.7	5.3	-0.4	0.0
Vancouver	6.2	6.1	6.6	0.1	-0.4
Victoria	5.3	5.5	5.1	-0.2	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	181.5	180.4	178.1	1.1	3.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.1	53.4	51.2	-0.3	1.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.1	200.1	194.3	-1.0	4.8
Yorkton-Melville	38.6	38.5	36.9	0.1	1.7
Prince Albert & Northern	102.2	101.0	98.4	1.2	3.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	596.4	596.6	582.6	-0.2	13.8
Employed ('000)	574.3	573.2	559.5	1.1	14.8
Unemployed ('000)	22.0	23.4	23.1	-1.4	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.9	4.0	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.6	70.2	-0.1	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	67.9	67.4	0.0	0.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	548.9	548.4	533.8	0.5	15.1
Employed ('000)	531.7	530.2	515.8	1.5	15.9
Unemployed ('000)	17.3	18.2	17.9	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.3	3.4	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	71.2	70.5	0.0	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	68.9	68.8	68.1	0.1	0.8
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	47.5	48.1	48.9	-0.6	-1.4
Employed ('000)	42.7	43.0	43.7	-0.3	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.8	5.1	5.2	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	10.7	10.6	-0.7	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	64.1	65.1	67.2	-1.0	-3.1
Employment Rate (%)	57.6	58.1	60.0	-0.5	-2.4
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Labour Force ('000)	17.9	18.3	19.8	-0.4	-1.9
Employed ('000)	14.9	15.1	16.7	-0.2	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.0	3.2	3.1	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.7	17.5	15.8	-0.8	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	54.8	56.1	61.9	-1.3	-7.1
Employment Rate (%)	45.6	46.3	52.2	-0.7	-6.6
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	29.4	29.6	29.0	-0.2	0.4
Employed ('000)	27.8	27.8	27.0	0.0	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	1.7	1.8	2.1	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.9	7.1	-0.2	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	71.9	71.3	-0.5	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	67.6	66.2	-0.3	1.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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